



**COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday, February 22, 2024

6:00 PM

The Commons at William J. Johnston Middle School

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alexander Oliphant, Vice-Chair Christopher Rivers, Secretary Margo Gignac, Donna Antonacci, Michelle Millington, Rosemary Gignac, Stefanie Tracey-Calash

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Daniel P. Sullivan, III, Assistant Superintendent Jessica L. Kuckel, Bacon Academy Principal Amy Begué, Colchester Elementary School Principal Judy O'Meara

OTHERS PRESENT: Business Director Rachel Linkkila, Instructional Technology Coordinator Barbara Johnson, Bacon Academy Athletic Director Kevin Burke, Bacon Teacher Matthew Parsons, Facilities Director Andrew Barillari

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Alexander Oliphant called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

1.2 Roll Call

Chair Oliphant conducted a roll call of the Board.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. *PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Proposed Capital Plan Presentation

Principal Judy O'Meara & Matthew Parsons presented the proposed Capital Plan.

Under the guidance of the Superintendent, the facilities Pride and Purpose Committee was assembled to look at the needs within the district. Ms. O'Meara discussed the goals of the district, the committee's findings, some completed projects as well as the needs that are outstanding within the properties. The committee has expressed a need to have a project manager to represent the district needs outside of the building principals, Facility manager and construction company. The committee also discussed items to be "refreshed."

The board discussed which items can be addressed through the annual budget and which items would have to be placed into the Capital Plan.

3.2 Athletic Complex at Bacon Academy

Superintendent Sullivan introduced the staff from Field Turf to present their findings of the athletic complex at Bacon Academy. Andrew Dyjak-Regional VP for Field Turf, Chris Hulk, President of Design and Construction for Field Turf, John Luster, Design and Construction team member. Mr. Dyjak presented other projects Field Turf has completed and the opportunities Field Turf can offer Colchester. Field Turf their suggestions for the athletic complex at Bacon including the soccer field, softball field, baseball field, football field as well as the tennis courts. Field Turf explained the options regarding adding lights to each field design.

Superintendent Sullivan asked what Field Turfs's opinion would be on repairing the grass fields rather than replacing them with turf. Mr. Dyjak explained the process would require the field to go unused for an entire season to allow the grass to grow correctly & the drainage work required would be to install updated drainage throughout the fields. Athletic Director, Mr. Burke discussed the current timeframe of games without the fields being equipped with lights.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Mackenzie- Thank you for all the hard work for the presentation.

Micheal Dubreuil- Thank you for the presentation, did not think of a "bubble" but was interested in a year-round building. Who does the construction of the facility itself?

5. *ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: M. Gignac

To adjourn

Second: D. Antonacci

Roll call: All in favor

Vote: Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Flynn

